Patent Docket P1618P2C22 13/02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Ashkenazi et al. Examiner: Not yet assigned

Serial No.: Not yet assigned

Filed: Herewith

For: Secreted and Transmembrane

Polypeptides and Nucleic Acids

Encoding the Same

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above captioned patent application (which is filed herewith), and for calculation of the proper filing fee, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-38 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new Claims 39-44 as follows.

--39. (New) An antibody that binds to the polypeptide shown in Figure 17 (SEQ ID NO:39).

40. (New) The antibody of Claim 39 which is a monoclonal antibody.